Soviet prison train

Nuclear Provocation

TORONTO — A former employe of the Canadian External Affairs Department, John Powell, 37, alleged Sunday that he had learned on a recent one-year tour of duty in Vietnam that the United States hoped to provoke Communist China into openly intervening in the Vietnam war. He said two sources claimed the United States planned an invasion of North Vietnam, which might trigger Chinese counteraction, and provide an excuse for U.S. air raids on China's nuclear installations.

Said the State Department in Washington: "No comment."